

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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732 CARS PARTICIPATE IN DUI CHECKPOINT

732 cars passed through Carlsbad's DUI/Driver's License checkpoint Friday night, with 414 sent through primary inspection, 30 sent into secondary inspection, 8 field sobriety tests were conducted, 1 driver was arrested for driving under the influence, and 5 vehicles were towed. An additional 11 citations were issued for other violations.

The checkpoint was staffed by Carlsbad Police as well as the CHP. Representatives from the families of CHP Officers Sean Nava and Stephen Linen who were killed by drunk drivers also attended.

The checkpoint was held on southbound lanes of Carlsbad Boulevard near the intersection of Cherry Avenue from approximately 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

This year, law enforcement agencies throughout California are asking for the public's help in spotting drunk drivers by calling 911. Drivers are asked to be prepared to report the location, direction, make, model and license plate of the vehicle to the authorities so police can follow up appropriately.

Utilizing citizens and motorists to alert law enforcement to possible impaired drivers can greatly enhance the efforts of law enforcement officers in apprehending DUI drivers. This outreach should also serve as a deterrent to potential drunk drivers. All drivers should be aware that fellow motorists will have their eyes open, and with more than half of all motorists now using cell phones, those who choose to drive impaired run a much greater risk of being caught.

